Kramer Electronics, Ltd.

USER MANUAL

Model:

FC-331A

SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter

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1 Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics! Since 1981, Kramer Electronics has been providing a world of unique, creative, and affordable solutions to the vast range of problems that confront the video, audio, presentation, and broadcasting professional on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better! Our 1,000-plus different models now appear in 11 groups[1] that are clearly defined by function.

Thank you for purchasing the Kramer **FC-331A** *SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter*, which is ideal for:

- Professional broadcasting facilities
- Rental and staging

The package includes the following items:

- **FC-331A** SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter
- Power cord[2]
- This user manual[3]

2 Getting Started

We recommend that you:

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packaging materials for possible future shipment
- Review the contents of this user manual
- Use Kramer high-performance high-resolution cables[4]

1 GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Switchers and Matrix Switchers; GROUP 3: Control Systems; GROUP 4: Format/Standards Converters; GROUP 5: Range Extenders and Repeaters; GROUP 6: Specialty AV Products; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors; GROUP 9: Room Connectivity; GROUP 10: Accessories and Rack Adapters; GROUP 11: Sierra Products

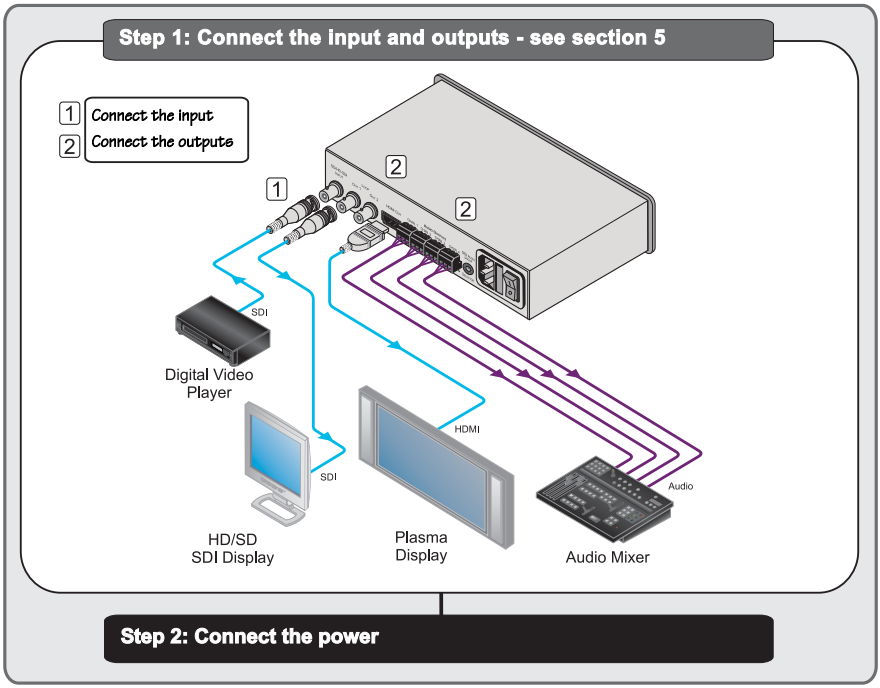
2 We recommend that you use only the power cord supplied with this device

3 Download up-to-date Kramer user manuals from our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com

4 The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com

2.1 Quick Start

This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation steps.



3 Overview

The **FC-331A** *SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter* is a high-performance format converter for SDI (SMPTE 259M), HD-SDI (SMPTE 292M), and 3G HD-SDI (SMPTE 424M) signals. It converts an SDI audio and video signal to an HDMI output signal with the same resolution and frame rate[1] and de-embeds the audio signal to balanced stereo line outputs.

The **FC-331A** features:

- One SD/HD/3G HD-SDI input on a BNC connector
- Two SDI loop outputs on BNC connectors
- One HDMI output
- HDTV compatibility
- Four-channel balanced stereo audio outputs on both XLR and terminal block connectors. You can connect all eight connectors at the same time, just one type of connector, or a mixture of both
- Automatic active input LED indicators on the front panel. Green indicates a standard definition (SDI) input signal and blue indicates a high-definition (HD-SDI) input signal
- 100-240V AC universal power

3.1 About HDMI

High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) is an uncompressed all-digital[2] audio/video interface, widely supported in the entertainment and home cinema industry. It delivers the highest high-definition image and sound quality. Note that Kramer Electronics Limited is an HDMI Adopter and an HDCP Licensee.

In particular, HDMI[3]:

- Provides a simple[4] interface between any audio/video source, such as a set-top box, DVD player, or AV receiver and video monitor, such as a digital flat LCD/plasma television (DTV), over a single

1 No scaling is performed

2 Ensuring an all-digital rendering of video without the losses associated with analog interfaces and their unnecessary digital-to-analog conversions

3 HDMI, the HDMI logo and High-Definition Multimedia Interface are trademarks or registered trademarks of HDMI licensing LLC

4 With video and multi-channel audio combined into a single cable, the cost, complexity, and confusion of multiple cables currently used in A/V systems is reduced

lengthy[1] cable

- Supports standard, enhanced, high-definition video, and multi-channel digital audio[2] on a single cable
- Transmits all ATSC HDTV standards and supports 8-channel digital audio, with bandwidth to spare to accommodate future enhancements and requirements
- Benefits consumers by providing superior, uncompressed digital video quality via a single cable[3], and user-friendly connector
- Is backward-compatible with DVI (Digital Visual Interface)
- Supports two-way communication between the video source (such as a DVD player) and the digital television, enabling new functionality such as automatic configuration and one-button play

HDMI has the capacity to support existing high-definition video formats (720p, 1080i, and 1080p/60), standard definition formats such as NTSC or PAL, as well as 480i and 576i.

3.2 Recommendations for Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables[4] to avoid interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables).
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality and position your Kramer **FC-331A** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

4 Your FC-331A SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter

Figure 1 and Table 1 define the **FC-331A** *SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter*:

1 HDMI technology has been designed to use standard copper cable construction at up to 15m

2 HDMI supports multiple audio formats, from standard stereo to multi-channel surround-sound. HDMI has the capacity to support Dolby 5.1 audio and high-resolution audio formats

3 HDMI provides the quality and functionality of a digital interface while also supporting uncompressed video formats in a simple, cost-effective manner

4 Available from Kramer Electronics on our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com

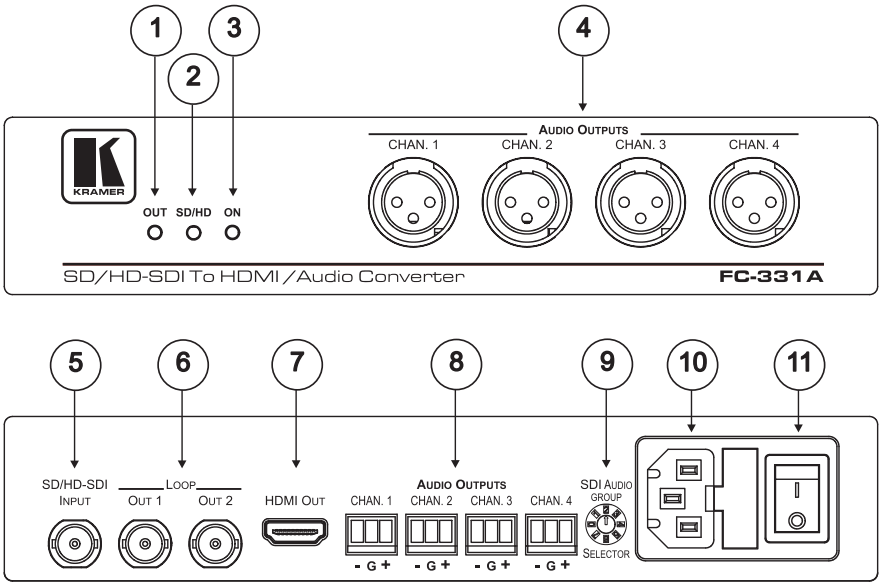


Figure 1: FC-331A SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter

Table 1: FC-331A SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter Features

#	Feature	Function
1	*OUT* LED	Illuminates green to indicate that a display is connected
2	*SD/HD* LED	Illuminates green for an SD input signal and blue for an HD-SDI input signal
3	*ON* LED	Illuminates green when receiving power
4	*AUDIO OUTPUTS (CHAN 1* to *CHAN 4)* XLR Connectors	Connect to a balanced audio acceptor (up to 4 channels)
5	*SD/HD-SDI INPUT* BNC Connector	Connects to an SD or HD-SDI source
6	*LOOP OUT 1, OUT 2* BNC Connectors	Connects to an SD or HD-SDI acceptor
7	*HDMI OUT* Connector	Connects to an HDMI acceptor
8	*AUDIO OUTPUTS (CHAN 1* to *CHAN 4)* Terminal Block Connectors	Connect to a balanced audio acceptor (up to 4 channels)
9	*SDI AUDIO GROUP SELECTOR*	Turn to select the SDI input group (0 to 7)
10	Power Connector with Fuse	AC connector enabling power supply to the unit
11	Power Switch	Illuminated switch for turning the unit ON or OFF

5 Connecting the FC-331A

To connect the **FC-331A**, as the example in Figure 2 illustrates, do the following[1]:

1. Connect a digital video source (for example, a digital video player) to the SD/HD-SDI IN connector.
2. Connect the SD/HD-SDI LOOP OUT 1 connector to a digital acceptor (for example, a digital display[2]).
3. Connect the HDMI OUT connector to an HDMI plasma display.
4. Connect the balanced AUDIO OUTPUT connectors (either the XLR connectors on the front panel or the terminal block connectors on the rear panel) to up to four channels of a balanced line-in device (for example, a non-linear editor).
5. Using a small screwdriver, turn the SDI AUDIO GROUP SELECT rotary switch to select an SDI stereo channel[3] from 0 to 7.
6. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not illustrated in Figure 2).

1 Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your FC-331A. After connecting your FC-331A, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

2 You can connect both LOOP OUT connectors to two digital acceptors

3 SDI audio is made up of 16 channels of audio information or 8 stereo pairs. Whereas most other devices access a group of 2-pairs, the FC-331A accesses a single pair out of a group for higher discrimination

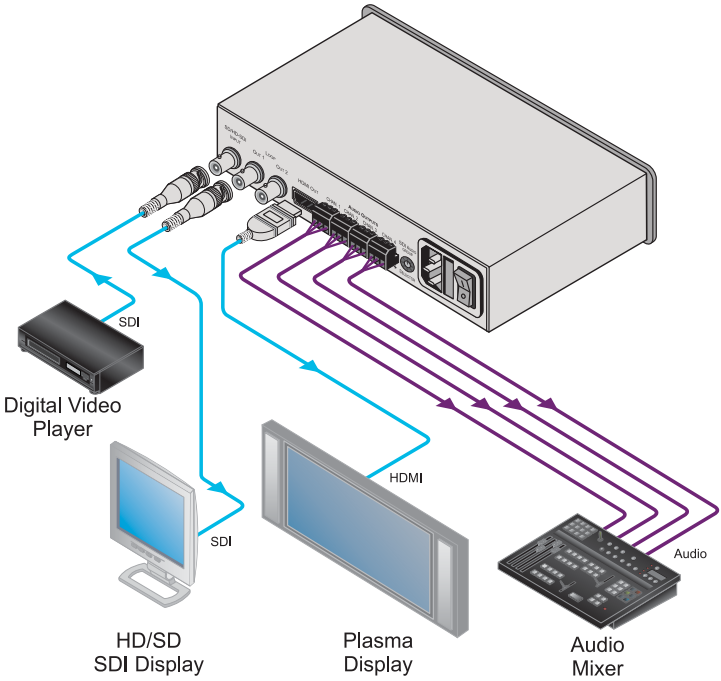


Figure 2: Connecting the FC-331A SD/HD-SDI to HDMI/Audio Converter

6 Technical Specifications

The **FC-331A** technical specifications are shown in *Table 2*:

Table 2: Technical Specifications[1] of the FC-331A

INPUT:	1 SD/HD-SDI, 3G HD-SDI on a BNC connector
OUTPUTS:	1 HDMI connector, 2 looping SD/HD-SDI, 3G HD-SDI on BNC connectors, 4 balanced stereo audio on XLR connectors or 4 terminal block connectors
MAX DATA RATE:	Up to 2.97Gbps
STANDARD COMPLIANCE:	HDMI
INDICATOR LEDS:	SD/HD, OUT, ON
POWER SOURCE:	100-240V AC
DIMENSIONS	12cm x 7.2cm x 2.4cm (4.7" x 2.8" x 1.0") W, D, H
WEIGHT:	0.3kg (0.7lbs)
ACCESSORIES:	Power cord
OPTIONS:	RK-1 19” rack adapter

1 Specifications are subject to change without notice

LIMITED WARRANTY

Kramer Electronics (hereafter *Kramer*) warrants this product free from defects in material and workmanship under the following terms.

HOW LONG IS THE WARRANTY

Labor and parts are warranted for three years from the date of the first customer purchase.

WHO IS PROTECTED?

Only the first purchase customer may enforce this warranty.

WHAT IS COVERED AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED

Except as below, this warranty covers all defects in material or workmanship in this product. The following are not covered by the warranty:

1. Any product which is not distributed by Kramer, or which is not purchased from an authorized Kramer dealer. If you are uncertain as to whether a dealer is authorized, please contact Kramer at one of the agents listed in the Web site www.kramerelectronics.com.
2. Any product, on which the serial number has been defaced, modified or removed, or on which the WARRANTY VOID IF TAMPERED sticker has been torn, reattached, removed or otherwise interfered with.
3. Damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from:
   i) Accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature
   ii) Product modification, or failure to follow instructions supplied with the product
   iii) Repair or attempted repair by anyone not authorized by Kramer
   iv) Any shipment of the product (claims must be presented to the carrier)
   v) Removal or installation of the product
   vi) Any other cause, which does not relate to a product defect
   vii) Cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with the product

WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR AND WHAT WE WILL NOT PAY FOR

We will pay labor and material expenses for covered items. We will not pay for the following:

1. Removal or installations charges.
2. Costs of initial technical adjustments (set-up), including adjustment of user controls or programming. These costs are the responsibility of the Kramer dealer from whom the product was purchased.
3. Shipping charges.

HOW YOU CAN GET WARRANTY SERVICE

1. To obtain service on you product, you must take or ship it prepaid to any authorized Kramer service center.
2. Whenever warranty service is required, the original dated invoice (or a copy) must be presented as proof of warranty coverage, and should be included in any shipment of the product. Please also include in any mailing a contact name, company, address, and a description of the problem(s).
3. For the name of the nearest Kramer authorized service center, consult your authorized dealer.

LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

All implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the length of this warranty.

EXCLUSION OF DAMAGES

The liability of Kramer for any effective products is limited to the repair or replacement of the product at our option. Kramer shall not be liable for:

1. Damage to other property caused by defects in this product, damages based upon inconvenience, loss of use of the product, loss of time, commercial loss; or:
2. Any other damages, whether incidental, consequential or otherwise. Some countries may not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from place to place.

NOTE: All products returned to Kramer for service must have prior approval. This may be obtained from your dealer.

This equipment has been tested to determine compliance with the requirements of:

EN-50081:	"Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC); generic emission standard. Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry"
EN-50082:	"Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) generic immunity standard. Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry environment".
CFR-47:	FCC* Rules and Regulations: Part 15: “Radio frequency devices Subpart B Unintentional radiators”

CAUTION!

- Servicing the machines can only be done by an authorized Kramer technician. Any user who makes changes or modifications to the unit without the expressed approval of the manufacturer will void user authority to operate the equipment.
- Use the supplied DC power supply to feed power to the machine.
- Please use recommended interconnection cables to connect the machine to other components.

  * FCC and CE approved using STP cable (for twisted pair products)

For the latest information on our products and a list of Kramer distributors, visit our Web site: www.kramerelectronics.com, where updates to this user manual may be found.
We welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Safety Warning:
Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening/servicing.

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